

New Bylaw on Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (GPLB) Use in Arlington

March 15, 2023

During the 2022 Town Meeting, a Bylaw was approved which allows for a gradual phase-out of gas powered leaf blowers (GPLBs).

Starting on March 15, 2023 there will be seasonal bans on the use of GPLBs (see schedules below for Commercial Operators and Resident on their own property).

Beginning March 15, 2025, commercial users will no longer be permitted to use GPLBs in the Town of Arlington.

Beginning March 15, 2026, residents will no longer be permitted to use GPLBs in the Town of Arlington.

Commercial Operators: Dates and Times for Use of GPLBs Years 2023-2024						
<i>Gas powered leaf blowers are allowed March 15 to May 31 and September 15 to December 30</i>						
Allowed	Times of Day	Days of Week	Saturdays, Sunday & Holidays			
Allowed	7:30 am – 5:30 pm	Monday – Friday	Prohibited			
Prohibited	Gas powered leaf blowers prohibited from June 1 to September 14					
Commercial Operators: Dates and Times for Use of Electric Powered Leaf Blowers						
Electric powered leaf blowers are allowed from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm throughout the calendar year, except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.						

Residents on their own property: Dates and Times for GPLB Use Years 2023-2025						
<i>Gas powered leaf blowers are allowed March 15 to May 31 and September 15 to December 30</i>						
Allowed	Times of Day	Days of Week	Saturdays, Sunday & Holidays			
Allowed	7:30 am – 6:00 pm	Monday – Friday	8:00 am to 6:00 pm			
Prohibited	Gas powered leaf blowers prohibited from June 1 to September 14					
Residents on their own property: Dates and Times for Electric Powered Leaf Blowers						
Electric powered leaf blowers may be used by residents from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on Monday and Friday throughout the calendar year and from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays & holidays						

[Read the complete bylaw.](#)

If you believe there has been a violation of this bylaw, you may report it to the Board of Health at 781-316-3170. Please be sure to have the following information

- Date, time and location of the suspected violation
- Name and phone number of the suspected violator

If you have questions about the bylaw, you may reach the Health Department at 781-316-3170.